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ABSTRACT

Early in the 20th century, education reformers were calling for new approaches to meet the demands of that era. "The Great Lockout" was written by William Wirt in 1937 to describe the radical Platoon Work-Study-Play Schools that flourished in Gary, Indiana from 1907-37. This book contains Wirt's original document, which provides a rationale for changing the curriculum, offers cost comparisons, and describes strategies for implementation. The Platoon Schools were pre-kindergarten through adult-education community schools that adhered to an extended school-year and school-day calendar. The book also contains a supplement that connects the Gary designs with the local realities of the present and the national visions of continuous learning systems for the future. Photographs of Platoon-School activities are included. (Contains 47 references.) (LMI)

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